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Gary H. Horton, Esq. RECEIVED Arizona Bar No.: 021517 2 **PMB 447** 2008 NOV -7 P 12: 19 989 S. Main St., Suite A 3 Cottonwood, Arizona 86326 928-649-9413 Z CORP COMMISSION 4 DOCKET CONTROL Attorney for Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc. 5 6 BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 7 8 **COMMISSIONERS** 9 MIKE GLEASON - Chairman JEFF HATCH-MILLER 10 WILLIAM A. MUNDELL KRISTIN K. MAYES 11 **GARY PIERCE** 12 DOCKET NO.: T-0253A-03-0017 IN THE MATTER OF THE 13 APPLICATION OF MIDVALE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, INC. FOR COMPLIANCE STATUS FILING 14 **AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE** Arizona Corporation Commission FACILITIES-BASED LOCAL EXCHNAGE DOCKETED 15 SERVICE TO CURRENTLY UNSERVED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS 16 1007 - 17 2008 KNOWN AS CROSSROADS RANCH, POQUITO VALLEY AND BEEZY PINE. 17 DOCKETED BY 18 Midvale Telephone Exchange, (hereinafter "Midvale" or "Applicant"), through counsel, 19 20 provides the following information regarding its compliance with Decision 66510 in the above captioned docket. 21 I. 22 REQUIRED COMPLIANCE Midvale has one remaining compliance issue stemming from Decision 66510. The 23 decision requires Midvale to: 24 25

File a certification with the Director of the Utilities Division that all the required tower and right of way permits have been obtained within 365 days of the effective date of this Decision.

II. COMPLIANCE STATUS

On May 25, 2007, Midvale filed a letter addressed to Ms. Kanlan in the Commission's Compliance Division updating the status of Midvale's Compliance with the requirement above. The letter indicated that while Midvale originally intended to serve the Poquito subdivision by locating a receiving microwave radio tower in the subdivision, that plan met substantial resistance from the homeowners. The plan was abandoned in favor of serving the area by underground cable. The filing is a follow-up to that letter and updates the status of Midvale's various permit applications required for the installation of necessary cable.

A. National Forest Service Permitting

An application was submitted on February 20, 2007, to cross approximately ten miles within the Prescott National Forest. The required application has be submitted to, and accepted by the National Forest Service. The National Forest Service and Midvale have provided all requested information required under the National Environmental Policy Act for evaluation of Midvale's permit application. The National Forest Service has estimated that a decision on the application will be issued by the end of 2008.

B. Bureau of Land Management Permitting

An application was submitted on October 29, 2007 to cross approximately ½ mile of land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). It is our understanding that the BLM has only recently assigned personnel to evaluate the application. Midvale hopes to receive the BLM decision early in 2009.

C. Arizona State Land Department Permitting

An application was submitted on March 18, 2008 to cross approximately seven miles of Arizona Trust Lands over which the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) exercises

authority. ASLD has informed Midvale that ASLD has all required information to make its decision. Midvale anticipates a decision in early 2009.

D. Arizona Department of Transportation Permitting

An application was submitted to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) on April 30, 2008 to cross approximately seven miles of State Route 89A right of way. On August 26, 2008, ADOT informed Midvale that all required information has been received and a permit to construct will be issued within 30 days of Midvale beginning construction.

E. Yavapai County Permitting

On January 11, 2008, Yavapai County indicated it had no concerns regarding the project. The County further indicated that it would issue an easement to occupy the right-of-way upon receipt of an application. Midvale will submit its application early in 2009 when the other permitting agencies near completion of their respective permitting processes.

III. CONCLUSION

Due to concerns regarding its construction of the planned microwave tower, progress on the Poquito project has been significantly delayed. Midvale is moving forward with providing service to the area via buried cable. Applications for required permits have been submitted with the exception of the Yavapai County right-of-way permit. Yavapai County has indicated it will issue a permit shortly the application is received. Midvale will update this filing as soon as permitting is complete.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14 day of November, 2008.

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2 3 4 Original and 14 copies of the foregoing mailed this 1th day of November, 2008 to: 5 6 **Docket Control** 7 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington St. 8 Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2996 9 Copies of the foregoing mailed this day of November, 2008 to: 10 11 Lynn Farmer, Esq. Chief Administrative Law Judge 12 **Hearing Division Arizona Corporation Commission** 13 1200 West Washington St. Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2996 14 Janice Alward, Esq. 15 Chief Counsel, Legal Division Arizona Corporation Commission 16 1200 West Washington St. Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2996 17 Ernest G. Johnson, Esq. 18 Director, Utilities Division **Arizona Corporation Commission** 19 1200 West Washington St. Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2996 20 21 22 23

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